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Applicant : Guy VANCANNEYT, *et al.*
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND NOTICE OF APPEAL

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time within which to submit a response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 23, 2008 ("Office Action"), thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including January 23, 2009. Accordingly, this submission is timely.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner in the Office Action, rejecting claims 1, 2, 15-17, 24 and 27 in the above-captioned application

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